STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the United Presbyterian Congregation
of in the Presbytery
of for the year ending on the 31st December, 185 .

N. B.—One copy to be kept by the Congregation, and another delivered to the Presbytery.

1. Organized Congregations,
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10. Number attending Prayer Meetings,
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    5. Synod and Presbytery Funds,
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(Signed)

Clerk of Congregation.
Minister.
Clerk of Session.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH & THIRTEENTH SESSIONS

OF

THE SYNOD

OF THE

United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

Held at Hamilton, April 2nd and June 4th, 1851.

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The following is a copy of the said requisition:

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"To you as moderator of Synod, I send the following extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, a motion agreed to at our meeting of the 8th ultimo:

'It was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Dick, and unanimously agreed to, that—

1. The Presbytery of Toronto, taking into consideration the severe loss which the Church has sustained by the death of the Rev. William Proudfoot, Professor of Theology, hereby record their high regard for his character and appreciation of his services.

2. In consequence of this bereavement an urgent necessity now exists that immediate steps be taken to procure the services of some one competent to discharge the duties of Professor of Theology.

3. That in order to this, the moderator of Synod be requested to call a *Pro re nata* meeting of Synod, to be held in Hamilton on the first Wednesday of April, 1851, at 12 o'clock noon, and with the following object in view, viz. :—

To memorialize the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, (through their Committee on Foreign Missions,) to procure, if possible, the services of one possessing such qualifications as are required for the discharge of the duties of a Professor of Theology.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
Presbytery Clerk.

To the Rev. Mr. Ritchie,
Moderator of Synod.

Moderator's conduct approved.

Synod having heard the above requisition read, unanimously approved of the conduct of the Moderator in calling this meeting.

Mr. Proudfoot moved to postpone.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the consideration of the whole matter be postponed till the next regular meeting of Synod

Mr. Jennings, to proceed.

It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the subject presented by the Toronto Presbytery, in requesting this *pro re nata* Meeting of Synod be entertained for discussion.

The question being put, the amendment was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Thornton's motion to apply to Unit'd Presbyterian Synod of Scotland.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Thornton, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Christie, that looking at all the aspects of the case, the Synod conceive that the great interests of the Church will be consulted most effectually by securing the labors, as Professor of Theology, of an influential person from the Mother

Church; and do therefore resolve to apply forthwith to the Synod in Scotland, through the Committee of Missions, to aid in this matter as promptly as possible, by looking out and recommending to our choice a person or persons in their view qualified to fill the office of Professor.

The motion being put, was carried by a very large majority. Motion carried.

The Rev. Mr. Proudfoot craved that that his dissent from the above resolution be marked in the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet at 4½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

SAME DAY AND PLACE,
4½ o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. David Caw, Moderator, pro. tem.

Sederunt the same as above, excepting Messrs. Murray, Proudfoot and Porteous, Ministers, and Mr. McKnight, Elder.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the business interrupted by the adjournment.

Theological Profess'r Resolutions.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Rev. Thomas Christie, that it be further resolved, that this Synod undertake ultimately, the entire support of the Professor.

2d. That inasmuch as his duties will be confined to the Theological department, it is the wish of this Synod that he undertake a pastoral charge, and it is resolved that £250 of salary shall be given to him.

3d. That inasmuch as some time must elapse before such pastoral relation can be formed, and as our funds are at present exhausted, the Synod in Scotland be requested to aid in his support for one year.

4. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to communicate these resolutions to the Secretary of the Mission Committee, as soon as possible.

5. As the Rev. Mr. Torrance is about to visit Scotland, resolved further, to request him to undertake this business, and by intercourse with the Mission's Committee, at the Synod and otherwise, to do every thing in his power to further the object of this Synod.

6. That in order to be in time for the meeting of Synod in Scotland, it will be necessary that Mr. Torrance go by Steamer, and as additional expense will thus be incurred, this Synod agrees to pay this addition.

Mr Jennings' amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that this Synod engage to give to such Professor as may be appointed, the stipend of £250, it being understood that he shall have no pastoral charge, but superintend the studies of the students as far as possible during their literary course as well as theological, and when time permits, that he visit the congregations, and advocate the claims of the Theological Institute, and also further the general schemes of the Church.

Original motion carried.

The question being put, the motion of Mr. Thornton was carried.

Mr. Jennings dissented.

Closed with Prayer.

DAVID CAW,
Moderator.

THIRTEENTH SESSION.

Roll of Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

JUNE 4, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	SEDERUNTS.	ELDERS.	SEDERUNTS.
George Murray	- - - - 5 6 7 8 - - -	John Tennant,..	- - - - 5 6 7 - - - -
James Skinner.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Alex. Smith,...	....
A. Mackenzie..	- - - - - - - - - - -	John Williams,.	....
John McLellan	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 - - - -	——	....
Chas. Fletcher,.	1 - - - - - - - - - -	James Leys,...	....
J.J.A. Proudfoot	- - 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	John Beattie,..	....
John Logie ...	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....
Wm. Howden,.	- 2 3 4 5 6 7 - - - -	——	....
John Fraser, ..	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

Thos. Christie,.	- 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	——	....
James Roy ...	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 - 9 10 11	Robt. Christie,..	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Alex. Ritchie..	1 - - - - - - - - - -	C. Anderson,...	....
Wm. Barrie, ...	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Henry Scott, ...	....
Robt. Torrance.	- - - - - - - - - - -	Jas. Armstrong,.	....
David Caw....	1 2 3 4 5 - - - - - -	A. Colvin, ...	1 2 3 4 - - - - - - -
John Porteous..	- 2 3 4 5 6 - 8 9 10 11	——	....
A. Drummond,.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	John Dolls,....	1 2 3 4 5 6 - - - - -
Wm. Christie..	- 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	James Walker,.	- 2 3 4 5 - - - - - -
John Duff,....	- 2 3 4 5 6 - - - - -	Alex. Watt, ...	....
A. Ferrier, D.D.	- 2 3 4 5 6 7 - 9 10 11	John Stark	1 2 3 - 5 - - - - - -
Robt. Rodgers,.	1 2 3 4 5 6 - - - - -	John Fairbairn,.	....
—— Hamilton,	.....	James Young,..	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
—— Esquesing	.....	— McNaughton,	- - - - - - - - - - 11

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. Thornton	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	A. Speirs, jun'r.,	....
John Cassie....	1 2 3 4 - - - - - - -	John Lee, ...	....
Wm. Fraser, ...	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Chas. Wilson, ...	....
Geo. Lawrence,.	1 2 3 4 - - - - - - -	H. Renwick,....	....
John Jennings,.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 - 9 10 11	William Bell,...	....
James Dick,...	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	James Gilmour,	....
David Coutts .	1 2 3 4 5 - - - - - -	A. Rowand, ...	....
Alex. Waddell,.	- - - - - - - - - - -	A. Speirs, sen'r.,	....
James Pringle,.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	James Hunter,.	....
Wm. Ormiston,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 - - - -	William Stark, .	1 - - - - - - - - - -
John Ewing....	- - - - - - - - - - -	William Best, ..	....
Alex. Kennedy,	1 2 3 4 - - - - - - -	L. Ormiston,...	....

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

W. Taylor, D.D.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Warden King, ..	....
Alex. Lowden, .	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....
John Morrison,.	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....
Peter Muir.....	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....
Walter Scott....	- - - - - - - - - - -	——	....

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

Wm. Aitkin,....	1 - - 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Adam Foster, ..	....
A. Henderson,..	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	William Tait, ..	....

CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. Clarke, London; Mr. McCurdy; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Clarke, Simcoe; Mr. Hogg; Mr. Andrew Kennedy; and Mr. Booker.

Ministers' Post Office Address.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.
George Murray,	*Princeton.*
James Skinner,	*London.*
Alexander Mackenzie,	*McKillop.*
John McLellan,	*Detroit, Mich.*
Charles Fletcher,	*Goderich.*
John J. A. Proudfoot,	*London.*
John Logie,	*Hay.*
William Howden,	*Adelaide.*
John Fraser,	*Chatham.*

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

Thomas Christie,	*West Flamboro'.*
James Roy,	*St. George.*
Alexander Ritchie,	*Ayr.*
William Barrie,	*Eramosa.*
Robert Torrance,	*Guelph.*
David Caw,	*Paris.*
John Porteous,	*Sheffield.*
Alexander Drummond,	*Brantford.*
William Christie,	*Chippewa.*
John Duff,	*Elora.*
Dr. Andrew Ferrier,	*Seneca.*
Robert Rodgers,	———

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Robert H. Thornton,	*Oshawa.*
John Cassie,	*Port Hope.*
William Fraser,	*Bond Head.*
George Lawrence,	*Newcastle.*
John Jennings,	*Toronto.*
James Dick,	*Richmond Hill.*
David Coutts,	*Stanley Mills.*
Alexander Waddell,	*Pickering.*
James Pringle,	*Chinguacousy.*
William Ormiston,	*Newton.*
John Ewing,	*Emily.*
Alexander Kennedy,	*Darlington.*

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

William Taylor, D.D.,	*Montreal.*
Alexander Lowden,	*New Glasgow, C. E.*
John Morrison,	*Madrid, N. Y.*
Peter Muir,	*Huntingdon.*
Walter Scott,	*Lachute.*

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

William Aitkin,	*Smith's Falls.*
Alexander Henderson,	*Fitzroy Harbour.*

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

OF

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

&c., &c., &c.

I. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
4th June, 1851—7 o'clock P. M.

THE Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after Sermon by the Rev. Alex. Ritchie, Moderator, from 2 TIM. ii. 3, was constituted.

The Roll was called and marked. (See Table of attendance.)

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported, "That on the 23d October last, they inducted the Rev. John Duff, into the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Elora and Nichol; that they had ordained Mr. Robert Rodgers, to the charge of the Congregation of Blandford, on the 4th of December last; and that on the 24th of September last, Dr. Ferrier, together with his Congregation in Caledonia, were admitted into connexion with this Church. Also, that Mr. Henderson, of St. Catherines, had demitted the charge of that Congregation." Presbytery Reports. Flamboro' Presbyt'y.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported, "that they had, at their meeting on the 17th of September last, received into the communion of the Church and placed upon the list of probationers, Mr. Thomas Dickson, Preacher of the Gospel, formerly in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Also, at the same meeting, they received and placed on the list of probationers the Rev. Alexander Kennedy, formerly Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, in the Island of Trinidad; Also, that they had, on the 17th of September, loosed the Rev. John Duff from the Pastoral Charge of the United Presbyterian Congregations of Albion and Vaughan; Also, that they Toronto Presbytery.

had, on the 3 d of December last, inducted the Rev. Alexander Kennedy to the Pastoral Charge of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Darlington, and that Mr. Kennedy's name had been added to the roll of Presbytery."

Canada East Presb'y. The Presbytery of Canada East reported, "that they had inducted the Rev. Walter Scott at Lachute on the 21st of May last."

London Presbytery. The Presbytery of London reported, "that it had pleased the LORD in His Providence, on the 16th of January, to remove by death the Rev. Wm. Proudfoot, of London, the Father of our Presbytery. That on the 6th of May, they d ssolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, to the Congregations of Blanshard and Downie; that on the 8th of May last, they ordained the Rev. John Fraser to the Office of the Holy Ministry and to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregations of Chatham and Tilbury; that on the 29th May, they inducted the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of London."

Presbytery of Flamboro'. The name of the Rev. William Proudfoot being taken from the Roll of the Presbytery of London, and the name of Mr. Henderson being taken from the Roll of the Presbytery of Flamboro', their names were taken from the Roll of Synod; and the names of the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D. D., of the Rev. Messrs. Robert R dgers, Alexander Kennedy, Walter Scott and John Fraser, being added to the Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, were thereupon added to the Roll of Synod.

Read the Minutes of the last ordinary Meeting of Synod.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ormiston, it was resolved, that the Synod delay coming to any vote at present, respecting sustaining the Minutes of last Session, reserve to members the right to make remarks on them at some future opportunity, and agree to proceed with the business.

Dr. Taylor appointed Moderator. The Rev. William Taylor, D.D., was now chosen Moderator.

Mr. Fraser appointed Clerk. It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Thornton, and carried unanimously, that the Rev. William Fraser be appointed Clerk of Synod, and that his Salary be £10 per annum.

Devotional exercises. Messrs. Henderson and Rodgers were appointed to conduct the Devotional Exercises of the Synod to-morrow forenoon.

Committee of Bills and Overtures. Appointed Messrs. McLellan, Caw, Kennedy and Aitkin, Ministers, and Messrs. Colvin, Dodds and Starke, Elders, a Committee of Bills and Overtures,—to report at the first Sederunt to-morrow. Mr. Caw, Convener.

Committee on Accounts. Appointed Messrs. Skinner, Roy, Thornton and Henderson, a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurers. Mr. Skinner, Convener.

Committees on Presbytery Minutes. Appointed the following Committees to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries, viz.:—

Messrs. Barrie and Drummond, to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of London.

Messrs. Kennedy and Coutts, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro'.

Messrs. Aitkin and Drummond, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Messrs. Pringle and Lawrence, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East; and

Mr. Jennings, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark.

Printing Minutes. The Clerk having stated that he had made arrangements for Printing the Minutes during the Sitting of Synod, he was instructed to order the Printing of 500 copies, and furnish 50 proofs as soon as they may be thrown off, for the use of members.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with Prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
5th June, 1851, 9 o'Clock, A. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev'd. Messrs. Rodgers and Henderson.

Report of Committee of Bills & Overtures.

The committee of Bills and Overtures submitted the following report, respecting the papers put into their hands for examination, as follows:—

1. The business on the Minutes.
2. Petition of Archibald McArthur.
3. Overture respecting the Clergy Reserves.
4. Overture respecting the proper observance of the Sabbath.
5. Overture respecting the formation of the Presbytery of Durham.
6. Application for pecuniary assistance from the congregation of New Glasgow. And the Committee recommend that the business be taken up in the above order.

Adopted.

The Report was adopted.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee on the Draft of Deed for Congregational property.

Report of Committee on Deed.

The Report was received, and Presbytery Clerks were requested to apply to Mr. Dick, to obtain copies of said Draft of Deed, in order that the intentions of Synod may be carried out.

Report on Letter to Congregations.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee on Synodical Letter to Congregations. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Letters to Jamaica and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Thornton reported that for certain reasons he had not prepared the letters to the Missionaries of our Church in Jamaica, and to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. Mr. Thornton's reasons were sustained.

Committee re-appointed.

The Committee was then re-appointed, composed of Messrs. Thornton, Dick and Jennings, and they were instructed, as soon as possible, to prepare and despatch the letters referred to in the Minutes, (page 130) and to report copies of said letters at next meeting of Synod.

Report on Literary Course.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee on the Literary Course to be pursued by Students, previous to their entering on the Study of Theology, as well as respecting their Literary studies during their Theological course.

Thanks to Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Henderson, it was resolved, that the report of the Committee be received, and that copies thereof be printed, and sent to the several Presbyteries for review; and also, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee for their diligence.

Committee of Distribution.

Mr. Thornton reported verbally from the Committee for the distribution of Preachers. The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved.

Re-appointed Messrs. Thornton and Waddell, together with the addition of Mr. Kennedy of Darlington, to be the committee for the distribution of Preachers.

The Rev. Messrs. McCurdy, Hogg and Andrew Kennedy being present, were invited to take their seats as members of Synod.

Pro re nata Meeting.

The minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting, held on the 2nd day of April last, were now read, and on motion sustained.

Petition of A. McArthur.

Read the Petition of Archibald McArthur of the congregation of Blenheim.

Read also extracts from the minutes of the Session of Blenheim, and from the minutes of the Presbytery of London, transmitting said petition.

Committee appointed

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, it was resolved, that this case be referred to a committee, to examine and prepare it for the consideration of Synod; said committee to report at the first Sederunt to-morrow morning.

Overture on Clergy Reserves.

Read an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto respecting the Clergy Reserves, of the following tenor, viz:

Inter Alia,

It was moved by the Rev'd. Mr. Lawrence, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Ormiston, That the Presbytery of Toronto regarding the division of the proceeds of the Clergy Reserve Lands amongst several denominations, as exceedingly injurious, both to the interests of religion and to the welfare of the Province: and considering the benefits that would result from their appropriation to Provincial Education, agreed to overture the Synod, at their first meeting, to take this matter into their serious consideration, and give a deliverance accordingly. The Presbytery unanimously and cordially adopted the above, and hereby overture the Synod accordingly.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
Pby. Clerk.

Deputation from Congregational Union.

Mr. Drummond informed the Synod that a Deputation from the Congregational Union of Canada West, were in town, and wished to be informed at what time it would be convenient for the Synod to receive the said Deputation. It was agreed to invite the attendance of the Deputation at 6½ o'clock this evening.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

SAME DAY AND PLACE, 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the business interrupted by the adjournment.

Committee on Clergy Reserves.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Dick, that a Committee be appointed to draft a set of Resolutions in terms of the Overture, and expressive of the mind of Synod upon the whole subject; said Committee to report at an early period.

The motion was adopted, and Dr. Ferrier, Messrs. Lawrence, Jennings and Alexander Kennedy, were appointed a Committee in terms of the motion.

Took up the Overture respecting the proper observance of the Sabbath, of the following tenor:

Inter Alia,

TORONTO, June 3, 1851.

Overture on the Sabbath.

"It was moved and seconded, that the Presbytery overture the Synod at its first meeting on the 4th June, to take into their serious consideration the question respecting the proper observance of the Sabbath, and give a deliverance, (with a special reference to the duty of members of the Church under their inspection,) as to this matter.

The Presbytery agreed to adopt the above, and overture the Synod accordingly.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery.

(Signed) JAMER DICK,
Presby. Clerk.

Opinions heard.

The Roll was called and the sentiments of members heard to the end.

It was agreed, on motion, that Messrs. Jennings and Skinner, together with the Moderator, shall reply to the Deputation from the Congregational Union.

Closed with Prayer.

IV. SEDERUNT.

SAME DAY AND PLACE, 6½ o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor.

The committee of Bills and Overtures further reported a letter from the general Secretary and the honorary Secretary of the French Canadian Missionary Society, to be submitted to the Synod.

Resumed the business on the Sabbath question, interrupted by the adjournment.

Mr. Jennings' motion

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that a Committee be appointed to draft Synodical Memorials, to be sent to the houses of the Legislature and to the Executive Government, in regard to Sabbath observance, and to report draft of said memorials for the decision of Synod, during first Sederunt to-morrow.

Mr. Proudfoot's amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Barrie, that the members of this Court do in their individual capacity, and as Ministers of Religion and members of civil society, use their utmost endeavors to impress on the minds of their people and on all over whom they have influence, the importance of petitioning the Government, to close all public offices of business, on the LORD'S DAY.

Motion carried.

The amendment of Mr. Proudfoot being put, was lost. The original motion was then carried by a large majority.

Dissent.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Barrie, McLellan, Roy, Thos. Christie, and Aitkin, Ministers, and Mr. Dods, Elder, craved that their dissent from this decision be marked in the Minutes. Reasons to be given in afterwards.

Committee on Sabbath.

Messrs. Jennings, Dick, Lawrence and Thornton, Ministers, and Mr. Young, Elder, were appointed a Committee, in terms of the original motion.

Motion.

It was further moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that all our Congregations be requested, without delay, to send memorials or petitions on the subject of Sabbath Observance, in the spirit of the Synod's Memorials, to Parliament, and that all Ministers be recommended to direct the attention of their Congregations, by special Sermon, as soon as may be, to this most vital question.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Drummond, that the members of this Synod be respectfully recommended to employ all their legitimate influence in their various localities, to get up Petitions to the Houses of the Legislature, impressing on them the propriety of closing all Offices under their control on the Sabbath.

Motion carried:

The vote being taken, an equal number voted for the amendment and for the original motion. The motion was then carried by the casting vote of the Moderator.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Roy, McLellan and Barrie, Ministers, and Mr. Dods, Elder, craved that their dissent from the decision be marked in the Minutes.

Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was resolved, that while there is some diversity of opinion among the members of this Synod as to the means to be employed for promoting the Sanctification of the Sabbath, yet all are agreed regarding the necessity of employing every legitimate effort to arrest the progress of its desecration.

Letter from Anti-Clergy Reserve Association.

The Clerk read a letter addressed to this Synod, from the Secretary of the Anti-Clergy Reserve Association,—and presented at the same time copies of a Manifesto issued by that Association, for distribution among the members of Synod.

It was agreed to receive the Deputation from the Congregational Union, at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
6th June, 1851—9 o'clock A. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The Minutes were read and sustained.

Death of Professor Proudfoot.

Messrs. Skinner, Christie and Barrie were appointed a Committee to draw up a minute, expressive of the mind of this Synod on the bereavement which they have suffered by the death of the Rev. William Proudfoot.

Report on Petition of A. McArthur.

The Committee on the petition of Archibald McArthur reported, and recommended that the Synod remit this case to the Presbytery of London, with instructions that they proceed to investigate and decide the matter without delay, according to the laws of the Church.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion, the Report was received, and the recommendation to remit to the Presbytery of London was adopted.

Deputation from Congregational Union.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, Deputy from the Congregational Union of Canada West, was introduced, and conveyed to the Synod in a brief address the assurance of the fraternal regards of that body, and expressed the hope that the intercourse thus commenced may be continued.

Mr. Jennings and the Moderator addressed the Deputy at length.

Reply.

On motion, Dr. Taylor, and Messrs. Jennings and Thornton were appointed a Deputation from this Synod, to wait upon the Congregational Union, which meets at Toronto next week, in order to convey to that Body our Christian and brotherly regards.

The Synod then engaged in praise, by singing the cxxxiii. Psalm.

Mr. Robinson was then invited to correspond and take his seat in Synod.

Toronto Presbytery.

Mr. Aitkin reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, that the Minutes of said Presbytery were kept in a correct and orderly manner.

Presbytery of Lanark

Mr. Jennings reported that he had examined the Minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark, since its for-

mation, and found business regularly conducted, and duly recorded.

Presbytery of Flamboro'.

Mr. Coutts reported from the Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro' that they found the Minutes of said Presbytery kept in a correct and orderly manner.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, of the following tenor, viz:

TORONTO, 3rd June, 1851.

Inter Alia,

Overture.

Took up and read Memorials from the following Sessions, viz: Whitby, Port Hope, Clarke, Newton, Emily, and Darlington, praying to be disjoined from the United Presbytery of Toronto, and formed into a separate Presbytery, with their Congregations and Stations, under the name of the Durham Presbytery. The Presbytery concurred in the prayer of the Memorials of the said Sessions, and agreed to overture the Synod accordingly.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery of Durham formed.

The Synod adopted the Overture, and ordered in terms thereof, that the Ministers and Congregations therein enumerated, shall be formed into a separate Presbytery, under the name and title of the Presbytery of Durham; Mr. Thornton to be Moderator, and that the first meeting be held at Newton, on Tuesday, after the first Sabbath of July, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Letter from French Canadian Missionary Society.

Read a letter from the Secretaries of the French Canadian Missionary Society, conveying to Synod the thanks of the Committee of that Society for the interest hitherto taken its its prosperity, and soliciting a renewal of the recommendations formerly made by this Synod.

Recommendation.

The Synod cordially agreed to renew, and hereby do renew the recommendation, that an annual collection be made in all our Congregations in aid of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

Next Meeting of Synod.

Appointed next meeting of Synod, to be held in Toronto, on Wednesday, after the 2nd Sabbath of June, 1852, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mission business.

The Committee of Missions were appointed to Report at next meeting of Synod, on the Thursday

evening, and that the business of the Missions of the Church be transacted at the same Sederunt. Messrs. Thornton and Dick to deliver addresses on Missions.

Read and received a paper from the Presbytery of Flamboro', of the following tenor:

FLAMBORO', 22nd January, 1851.

The Flamboro' Presbytery met, and was constituted.

Inter Alia,

Petition for separate Presbytery.

Read a Petition from the Congregations of Guelph, Eramosa and Elora, to be transmitted to the Synod, praying to be formed into a separate Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to transmit the Petition.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery.

(Signed) JAMES ROY,
Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery of Wellington formed.

On motion it was agreed, that the Congregations Guelph, Eramosa and Elora, with the Ministers of these Congregations, be formed into a new Presbytery, under the name and title of the Wellington Presbytery. Mr. Barrie, first Moderator. The Presbytery to hold its first Meeting at Elora, on Tuesday, after the last Sabbath of August, at 12 o'clock, noon, said Presbytery to have power to receive the Congregation of Esquesing upon proper application being made by them.

Report recommitted.

The Committee appointed to draw up a Minute on the death of Professor Proudfoot reported. The Report was re-committed to the same Committee, to be brought up again at the afternoon Sederunt.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 6th June, 1851.
Friday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederuut were read and sustained.

Report from Committee on Clergy Reserves.

Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee to draft a set of Resolutions on the Clergy Reserves.

The Rev. Mr. Booker, of the Baptist denomination being present, was invited to correspond.

The Roll was called, and the opinions of Members on the Report of the Committee on the Reserves, were heard to the end.

The Report, with a single amendment was received and adopted. The Report is as follows:

Resolutions.

1. That His late Majesty, George, III., in setting apart one seventh of the lands in Upper Canada, for the support of a Protestant Clergy, and the purposes of religious instruction, made such grant in his capacity of Monarch, and as the official supreme executive of the Nation; and thus, granted not his own private property, for said purposes, but the property of the Nation. Consequently it is competent for Her Majesty, as His successor, in her public character to repeal such grant, if the Nation, or the part of the Nation most interested so desire it.

2. That said appropriation of Public Lands, as Clergy Reserves, has never given satisfaction to the general community in the Province, and instead of promoting the interests of religion, has had the very opposite effect, and occasioned social alienations and political agitations, which have been most injurious to all our interests, secular and sacred.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of the Church, and has appointed the means for the support and extension of his religion, which are that his Church depend on his blessing, and the liberality of its membership and friends; and the Synod holds it therefore to be an invasion of his authority for any secular government to legislate in opposition to Him; and in whole or in part, to endow any Church, from public resources, and it implies on the part of any Church that receives such an endowment,—a distrust of the wisdom and justice of Christ's express law, "that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel," and that they who receive the spiritual things shall return to their spiritual teachers of their carnal things.

4. That the scheme proposed by some, of a more general division of these Reserves among the several religious denominations is impracticable, inasmuch as at least five or six of them, influential and growing, will on no condition accept of any portion, and thus the very same parties that now are dissatisfied, would continue the agitation, in case such new division scheme were adopted; and thus the Province would still be tossed and distracted by denominational antagonisms, arising from this question.

Resolutions.

5. Maintaining the equal civil and religious rights of the entire population, it is the decision of this Synod, that the only wise and equitable settlement of this question, is to be attained by appropriating the whole of the Reserves to the support of a Provincial system of common school education, in which all Districts and families, would have an equal interest and privilege.

6. The Synod by no means conceive, that the proposal, or decision in the Resolutions of the last Session of Parliament, granting the continuance of the endowments to present Incumbents for their natural lives, is equitable, or that such Incumbents are entitled justly to such an extended act of generosity.

7. That these being the views of this Synod, and they are aware, the views of the great majority of the prominent religious denominations in the country, they consider that justice, the peace of the community, and the connexion of this Province with the Mother Country, demand, that the voice of the people be given on this subject, in such an unequivocal manner that it cannot be mistaken, and that the final adjustment of this long agitated and most vexatious question be made in the manner stated, with the least possible delay.

Publication of Paper.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Henderson; it was resolved that this paper be published in a circular, and extensively distributed among the people, and published in all the leading papers of the day; and further, that copies be enclosed and sent to every Member of the Government and Legislature.

Time granted to Sabbath Committee.

The Committee appointed last night to draw up a draft of Memorial on Sabbath Sanctification, requested that they should have further time, until Monday evening, to give in their Report. The request was granted.

Mr. Andrew Kennedy's Memorial.

Read a Memorial from Rev. Andrew Kennedy. Heard Mr. Kennedy in explanation.

Adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 6th June, 1851.
6½ o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Took up the business interrupted by the adjournment.

Mr. Kennedy's case disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was Resolved, that the Rev. Andrew Kennedy be employed as an Evangelist, under the inspection of the London Presbytery, in those parts in which his labours seem to them to be required, and that he shall report his labours and family visitations, minutely and particularly, and that the London Presbytery be required to furnish full information respecting his labours to the Synod.

It was further on motion agreed, that Mr. Kennedy receive during the present year the usual stipend granted to preachers.

It was further agreed, that the Synod's Committee of Missions be enjoined to instruct the Home Mission Board, regarding this peculiar case; and that copies of the correspondence with the Home Mission Committee, (including that dating from last Synod) regarding Mr. Kennedy's labours, be laid upon the Synod's table at the next meeting.

Report of Missions Committee.

The Annual Report of the Synod's Committee of Missions was read.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was agreed that the Report be approved. Agreed further, that an appendix be added to the Report, setting forth in detail the amounts contributed by the several Congregations receiving aid, and the amount of aid received.

Treasurer's Accounts of United Presbyterian Synod's Grant.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas Christie, Treasurer of the Home Synod's Grant, read an account of his receipts and disbursements during last year. The accounts of the Treasurer were on motion received.

Statistics.

The Synod recommended that Congregations and Presbyteries give particular attention to the existing laws, regarding the furnishing of statistics.

Adjourned to meet here on Monday, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, MONDAY,
9th June, 1851—7½ o'clock P. M.

THE Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after praise and reading of the Scriptures, was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

Report on Accounts.

Mr. Henderson reported from the Committee to examine the Accounts of the Treasurers, that they had examined the Accounts of Robert Christie, Esq., and found them correct, that the charge against the Treasurer for the Mission Fund was £373 6s. 0½d, and that his disbursements amounted to £58 4s. 6d, leaving in his hand a balance of £315 1s. 6½. That on account of the Theological Fund the charge against the Treasurer was £104 11s. 0d, and that his payments amounted to £132 15s 8½d leaving a balance due the Treasurer of £28 4s. 8½d.

Report on Accounts.

Mr. Thornton reported from the same Committee that they had examined the Accounts of the Rev. Thomas Christie, Treasurer of the Home Synod's Grant, and had found them correctly kept.

The Committee appointed to draft a minute on the death of Mr. Proudfoot were enjoined to give in their report to-morrow morning.

Grant for a Catechist.

Took up an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, for a grant of £30 from the Mission Fund, for the support of a Catechist.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton seconded by Mr. Aitken, That Presbyteries employing Catechists in their bounds, be authorized to draw upon the Treasu-

rer of the Mission Fund for the support of such Catechists to an extent not exceeding £30 yearly.

Amendment. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr Henderson, that the Synod hereby authorize Presbyteries to employ Catechists within their bounds if they shall consider such agency to be necessary; and that the Grant from the Synod Fund shall be one half of the sum contributed by such Presbytery, and paid to each Catechist, if the Presbytery shall make application for that amount.

Motion carried. The Amendment being first put was lost. The motion was carried by a large majority.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

IX. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, TUESDAY,
10th June, 1851—9 o'clock.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

Mr. Barrie reported from the Committee appointed at the fifth Sederunt, to draft a minute expressive of the mind of this Synod in regard to the bereavement which the Church has sustained by the death of the Rev. William Proudfoot, Professor of Theology. The report is as follows:

Resolution on the death of Professor Proudfoot. *Resolved*,—That as the Presbytery of London have reported to Synod the recent demise of the Rev. William Proudfoot, Professor of Theology to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, this Synod take the opportunity of expressing their deep sense of the loss which this Church in particular, and the interests of Civil and Religious liberty in general, have sustained by this event. He was one of the three first Missionaries sent out to Canada in the Fall of 1832, by the United Secession Church in Scotland. As a Missionary laborer he was most indefatigable and efficient, subjecting himself to a great amount of travelling in preaching the Gospel to the destitute. He was Clerk to the Missionary Presbytery in the Canadas, subsequently to the Missionary

Synod and to the Presbytery of London, and lastly to the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, and discharged all the duties of these offices with distinguished ability. As a member of the Synod and of Committees, his wisdom, counsels and knowledge of ecclesiastical business were of eminent service, especially in cases of difficulty. He was a Theologian of the first class, was distinguised for his varied acquirements in Theological literature, Logic and Ethics, and for clear, comprehensive, and profound views on all these subjects; and as a Teacher or Professor of Theology he was pre-eminent for his aptness to teach, and from the great clearness with which he expressed his views, he was very successful in communicating his well digested stores of knowledge to his hearers, and especially to the rising ministry committed to his care and training. The Synod desire to thank God for the pious zeal and varied talents for usefulness in the Church and in the world, with which the king and head of the Church endowed him, and that he was so long spared to them, and their prayer is, that the king and head of the Church may speedily in his good and all wise Providence fill up his place in the Theological hall by a pious, able, and zealous Professor and that he would endow all the ministers of Synod with a double portion of his spirit and enable them to be faithful in the service of their divine master.

Copy to be sent to Mrs. Proudfoot. The Synod agreed to receive the report and instruct their Clerk, to send a copy of said minute to the widow of our late professor, in the name of the Synod, as expressive of the deep sympathy of the Synod with her, and with the family in their affliction.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Thornton it was Resolved,

Resolution as to receiving Ministers, 1. That all applicants for admission into the Church as Ministers and probationers shall present to the Presbytery to whom they apply for admission, written testimonials certifying that they have passed through a regular course of training for the ministry, that they have been regularly authorized to preach the Gospel, and that they are of good Christian character, and in proper standing as ministers or preachers of the Gospel.

For six months.

2. That the Presbytery to whom they apply shall at first receive the applicants on trial for at least, the term of six months until it has been ascertained whether their ministrations are acceptable or not to the congregations among whom they are appointed to labor.

To receive £1 10s. per Sabbath.

3. That during the period of trial the sum of £1 10s. be allowed each probationer or minister as stipend for each Sabbath on which he ministers in any congregation or station under the inspection of the Presbytery.

Committee of Missions re-appointed.

On motion, the Committee of Missions of last year, composed of Messrs. T. Christie, Porteous, Roy and Drummond, Ministers, and Messrs P. Thornton, Chisholm and Sandilands, Elders, was re-appointed. Mr. T. Christie, Convener.

Mr. Skinner moved, seconded by Mr. Thornton, that it be Resolved, and it was accordingly Resolved,

Resolution as to Ministers receiving aid.

1. That it shall be a law of this Church that under the direction of their respective Presbyteries, ministers whose congregations receive aid from the Synod's Funds, shall perform Missionary labor in the various vacancies and stations in their Presbyteries in some proportion to the amount received from the Funds, at the discretion and on the call of the several Presbyteries, and that they report the amount of such Missionary labor to their Presbyteries in detail, and that the Presbyteries report the same to the Synod at their Annual Meeting.

Preacher to remain two weeks in same place.

2. That probationers under the inspection of this Synod be, so far as practicable, appointed by Presbyteries to officiate in the same locality not less than two Sabbaths:—That during the intervening week they shall be expected to visit ministerially on two or three days:—That one probationer begin his visitation where the former one terminated his:—That the Elders or managers keep in view the arrangements, and that in all cases the Minister or Preacher respect the arrangement and abide by it.

To visit.

Students.

Entered on the consideration of the question, how the Students of Theology shall be disposed of during the vacancy in the Theological Professorship.

Disposed of question.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Barrie, it was Resolved, that until a Theological

Professor be appointed, the Presbyteries be enjoined to take charge of the Students in their bounds, and that such inspection shall be held equivalent to a regular session of the Hall, and further that Presbyteries shall report to the Synod at its next meeting.

Professor of Divinity.

The Synod took up the question relating to the appointment of a Professor of Theology.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Skinner, that whereas at last *pro re nata* meeting of Synod it was resolved that the Church in Scotland through the Board of Missions be requested to recommend for the choice of this Synod a list of names of ministers qualified for the Professorship in this Synod; and whereas, in consequence of information recently received, it is expedient to rescind that procedure, be it now therefore resolved, that that decision be rescinded and that the Synod in Scotland, through the Board of Missions, be authorized to make the Selection of such Professors.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Christie, that the case be for the present left precisely in the position in which it was placed by the *pro re nata* meeting of Synod.

Amendment carried.

The Amendment and the motion being seconded, the Amendment was carried by a majority.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

X. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 10th June, 1851.
2 o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator. The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Meeting of Lanark Presbytery.

In accordance with the request of the Presbytery of Lanark, said Presbytery was appointed to meet at Smith's Falls on the Wednesday after the first Sabbath of August at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Petition from Caledonia.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a petition from the Congregation of Caledonia, praying for an additional supply of preaching to the

stations connected with that Congregation, in aid of Dr. Ferrier the Minister of that Congregation, and the stations connected with it.

It was agreed to receive the petition and to enter upon its consideration.

Prayer granted.

The prayer of the petition was granted and the Presbytery of Flamboro', were instructed to appoint a preacher to Caledonia, if possible, once a month. Mr. Roy dissented.

Petition from Goderich.

Read and received a petition, reported by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, from the Congregation of Goderich, praying for supplement of stipend.

Deliverance on Petition.

On motion of Mr. Barrie seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was Resolved, that the Synod refuse the prayer of this petition, and appoint two members of Synod, not of the Presbytery of London, a deputation to visit the Congregation of Goderich, and convey to the Congregation the indignant feeling of this Court, at the unchristian conduct of the Congregation, in withholding temporal support from their pastor while under a very dark and trying dispensation of Providence, aggravated by years of failure to implement their solemn obligations to support their pastor, and that the Presbytery of London be requested to accompany the deputation to Goderich on the Wednesday after the second Sabbath of July, and be empowered to decide in the case. Messrs. Roy and Barrie, to be the deputation. Mr. Roy to preach.

Supplement to Mr. Fletcher.

On the motion of Mr. Porteous, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was Resolved, that in the distressing circumstances in which the Rev. Charles Fletcher has been and is yet placed, the Mission Committee be instructed to pay his whole annual supplement of £40.

Petition from Adelaide.

Read and received a petition from the Congregation of Adelaide, transmitted from the Committee of Missions, praying for supplement, and coming with the recommendation of the Presbytery of London that the sum of £12 10s, be granted.

Recommendation adopted.

Having heard the Presbytery of London in the case it was agreed to approve their diligence and adopt the recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded Mr. Skinner, it was unanimously Resolved,

Resolutions of Mr. Dick.

1. That the Committee on Missions be enjoined to convey to the Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and through them to the Church in general the unanimous and cordial thanks of this Synod for all their past kindness in contributing so liberally to the support of our weak congregations and stations, and also for their kindness in sending out so many men for the work of the ministry in this Country.

2. That the Committee be enjoined to request the continuance of this kindness as to the aid of the weak congregations, and also to request the Board of Missions to endeavor to obtain the services of such ministers or preachers as in their judgment may be suitable for the Church in Canada, the necessities of which are very great.

3. That in order to the Committee's furnishing the Board with full particulars as to the wants of the Church here, the Presbyteries be enjoined to state to Mission Committee.

1st. How many organized congregations they have within their bounds which are prepared to receive ministers.

2nd. To state the probable amount of annual stipend each congregation of this class may be expected to give in the event of obtaining a minister.

3rd. To state the number of unorganized stations which might be occupied with advantage to the Church.

Instruction to Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish the Committee of Missions with an authenticated copy of the above Resolutions for immediate transmission to the Board of Missions in Scotland.

Adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

XI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 10th June, 1851.
6½ o'clock, P. M.

THE Synod met and was constituted by Dr. Taylor, Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Motion respecting Professor.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Roy, it was resolved in case of a communication in reference to the appointment of a Professor of Theology being received from the Board of Missions in Scotland, either nominating a person or persons in their judgment fit to fill that office, or stating dfficulties in their opinion in the present state of the reference to them insurmountable, that the moderator be instructed to call a *pro re nata* meeting as soon as possible, to take the whole case into consideration.

Draft of Memorial on Sabbath Observance.

Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee appointed at the 4th Sederunt to draft Synodical Memorials to be presented to the Government and Legislature.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke, of London, and Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Simcoe, of the Congregational Church, being introdnced by Mr. Skinner, were invited to correspond.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, that the memorial reported by Mr. Jennings be not received, but laid on the table.

Amendment.

It was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Dick, that the report be received and considered.

Amendment carried.

The vote being taken. the Amendment was carried by a majority of 11 to 5.

The Memorial was then considered by paragraphs, and with certain alterations was adopted, as follows:—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada.

Memorial.

The memorial of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, sheweth,

That this Synod regard the Sabbath as a Divine Institution, given to man while in a state of primeval perfection; that its sanctions are permanent; and the full observance of it is an express command of the Almighty, for in the Decalogue containing the grand epitome of all moral duty, it is authoritatively declared, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" and though it has been considered by some to be only a Jewish Institution, yet, being given substantially to Adam, the head and representative of the race, and incorporated by our Lord Jesus

Christ, along with the whole Moral law, into the Christian system, it becomes a Law for mankind, and is, therefore alike, old as the creation of man, and modern and universal as christianity itself. Memorial.

That, regarding the Sabbath as intended for, and essential to man's spiritual, and physical, and social well-being, and considering that its violation is followed by the penalty of transgression in respect to all his interests; indeed, regarding the Institution as of supreme importance to the very existence of Christianity, and to the welfare of mankind, it is the unanimous sentiment of this Synod that it is the duty and for the interests of all, both in their individual and collective capacities, to observe it faithfully, and, as they love God, the Bible, their species and themselves, to use every right means to maintain it, in its full integrity, with all its high, holy, and beneficent designs and uses.

That, while there is an almost unanimous acknowledgment of the obligation to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest from all secular avocations, by persons in their private professional and commercial relations, it cannot be consistent for them in their aggregate character to demand, that they have public servants employed in any public work on that day, when they practically declare it be wrong in their individual capacities and circumstances.

Your memorialists therefore regard the transaction of business in any of the *Public Departments*, on the Sabbath, as sinful, as it relates to God, unjust, as it relates to man, and as setting a bad example to the whole community; and they assert and declare that, for the glory of God, and the honor of our common Christianity, for man's spiritual and physical good, and for our Couutry's reputation and prosperity, all business under Governmental control ought to cease on that day

That with regard, especially, to the Postal Department in which public service is exacted on the Sabbath. Your memorialists affirm that the several mail routes by land and water, ought to be so arranged that there shall be no no conveyance of mails and no Post office labor on that day.

On taking the subject, and these truths, into your early and earnest consideration, this Synod res-

Memorial.

pectfully maintain, that your Honorable House ought to take all legitimate steps to remove all obstructions and abuses, in any of the Public Departments which prevent the proper observance of that most blessed day, which God made for man, and which he has commanded all men to hallow.

Signed in name and in the presence of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, met in the City of Hamilton on this 10th day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One.

W. TAYLOR, D. D.
Moderator.

W. FRASER,
Synod Clerk.

Dissent.

The following reasons for dissent from the resolutions regarding memorials on Sabbath observance passed at the fourth Sederunt of this Session of Synod were given in, viz:

REASONS FOR DISSENT.

1. That the object desired in the petition or memorial to Parliament is a thing, which, in our civil capacity, we are entitled to demand from the Government of our country.

2. That we are decidedly opposed to confounding things civil and ecclesiastical and consider that our legitimate and consistent course of conduct, as a voluntary Church, to obtain for our people their civil rights which have a religious aspect, is to enlighten the people themselves, and to stimulate them to use all constitutional means to obtain such rights; inasmuch as we, as a Church Court, acknowledge no superior, nor even equal in any civil power in the world; and inasmuch as we have avowed this principle openly, as a Synod, by making it the basis of the views expressed in the proceedings of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(Signed) JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT.
WM. BARRIE.
ROBT. CHRISTIE.
THOS. CHRISTIE.
JAMES ROY.
WM. M. CHRISTIE.
WILLIAM AITKEN.

Thanks to Congregation of Hamilton.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Office Bearers and Congregation of Hamilton for the accommodation which they have furnished during this Session.

Paid to Doorkeeper £1 10s.

It was ordered that the Treasurer pay to the door-keeper the sum of £1. 10s. 0d. for his services during this meeting of Synod.

Formula accepted.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Dick, it was agreed that the Formula for Ordination of Ministers and Elders, in use in the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, be adopted by this Synod.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

W. TAYLOR, D.D.
Moderator.

W. FRASER,
Synod Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Beverly *in the Presbytery of* Hamilton West. *for the Year ending on the 31st of December,* 1851.

☞ One copy to be kept by the Congregation, and another delivered to the Presbytery.

I.	Number of Organized Congregations,	1
II.	Number of Stations within bounds,	0
III.	Average attendance	220
IV.	Number of Members added	20
V.	Number of Members removed	8
VI.	Number of Members on the Roll	133
VII.	Number of Baptisms	16
VIII.	Number in Religious Classes,	24
IX.	Number of Members attending Prayer Meetings,	15
X.	Number of Volumes in Libraries,	0
XI.	Number of Churches,	1
XII.	Is Church Property Deeded?	yes.
XIII.	Amount of Congregational Debt,	£ 72
XIV.	Total Income	£ 130
XV.	Expenditure on—	
	1. Stipend,	£ 100-0-0
	2. Church Property,	10-0-0
	3. Theological Fund	2-2-7½
	4. Synod & Presbytery Funds,	
	5. Synod's Missions,	6-0-0
	6. General Missions,	5-8-11
	7. Contributions to the Poor,	0-0-0
	8. Incidental Expenses	7-5-0
		130-16-6½

(Signed)

Clerk of Congregation.

Thomas Christie — Minister.

James M. Green — Clerk of Session.

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